

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my citizenship, postal address and residence are as stated below; that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

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the specification of which

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X was filed on October 22, 1997 as Application Serial No. 08/956,030 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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